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Mass media conference brings together professionals, students



By Evan White, The Panther



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Let's talk: Top media professionals offer advice and answer students' questions in an open panel discussion.

By Ashley Slayton
Panther Staff

Sigma Tau Theta hosted a media conference for communications majors, in honor of Lorna Bailey, Thursday, April 5 in the MSC ballroom.

Bailey, who was a member of the organization, passed away in August 2006. The conference was composed of two sessions.

The morning session consisted of an open panel featuring prominent media professionals such as Essence #1 best-selling author Reshonda Tate-Billingsley, Houston Chronicle fashion editor Joy Sewing, Jet magazine marketing director Rebecca Dailey, CW 39 news anchor Yolanda Green and Madd Hatta from 97.9 The Box's Morning Show.

The second half of the conference

was an informational fair that gave students an opportunity to network by visiting with the panel at different booths.

Shawna Maurice, a junior communications major, said, "I liked it because being a communications major we don't have people throwing job fairs at us like business majors or engineering majors do, so it was good to have something for us that was really helpful."

The panel advised students on issues from relocation and industry trends to entry level positions.

Students did not walk away empty handed; in addition to leaving with a wealth of knowledge Jet magazine offered students free copies of the magazine and applications for a summer internship, 97.9 The Box provided students with free CDs and CW 39 offered students free T-shirts.

"I felt like it was an overall great experience for any student interested in the

mass media field," said Matt Nelson, a junior communications major. "It really showed a lot about the personalities who came out. They took the time to come back and educate others about their experiences in their respective fields."

The panel cautioned students about being afraid to take risks and the dangers of being disillusioned about the industry.

"Comfort is the number one enemy of success," said Brandy Garcia, radio DJ for 97.9 The Box. "We try not to sugarcoat the way college students can break into the business."

Brent Watson, junior communications major and director of the event, said, "Our organization is interested in making a difference by helping others who want to break into our field. At the end of the day we want to be able to say that we did everything we could to make Lorna proud. It was our mission, her vision and it will remain a legacy."

Sigma Tau Theta hosts Project Style

By Chantel Gage
Panther Staff

Sigma Tau Theta hosted a fashion show, Tuesday, April 3, in the MSC ballroom.

Project Style was held in honor of the late Lorna Bailey, who was a member of Sigma Tau Theta.

"After she passed away, I knew it was her dream to put on a show, so I presented the idea to my organization and they agreed," stated Erick Thomas, a junior communications major and event coordinator. "I believe that fashion has impacted the campus in a positive way and even though everyone is unique, fashion is something we all can relate to."

Sakennia Reed and Lonnie Abernathy hosted the event, which began with a slide show of Bailey's life.

Models displayed clothes in five categories: casual wear, business, swimsuits, couture, and Greek paraphernalia. The show featured designers, including Six Figgaz, Torrid, Jessica McClintock, Swim-N-Sport, Levis Strauss, Stan's Designs, and Steve Madden.

Jonathan Dixon, a junior kinesiology major, said, "It was new and exciting, they did a great job. It was very professional looking. The only thing I did not like was the rapper during intermission."

All proceeds earned from Project Style go toward the Lorna Bailey Scholarship Fund and will be awarded to a "deserving student who is majoring in communications and is achieving excellence in their educational career," said Thomas.

Lindsey Slay, a senior architecture major, said, "I really enjoyed the fashion show. It was exciting and full of trendy fashions. The models surpassed all expectations."



By Evan White, The Panther

Sophisticated Style: Model Melanie Brown displays Jessica McClintock couture gown.

Scurry, Lee win University Village pageant titles

By Jameka Merriweather
Managing Editor

Christopher Scurry and Florinda Lee were crowned Mr. and Miss University Village for the 2007-2008 school year, Wednesday, April 4, in the MSC auditorium.

The University Village awards \$1,500 to one deserving male and female each year as the winners of the University Village Scholarship Pageant.

This year's pageant coordinators were Jessica Waiters and Rickie L. Dodd and The Harlem Renaissance: The UV Club was the theme.

The female contestants were Nora Lemon, Florinda Lee, Mikaila Horton, and Candace Culmer. Male contestants were, Alex Burton, David Gillie, Jr., Christopher Scurry, and Vallice Ford.

The contestants competed in four categories: active wear, talent showcase, evening wear, and question and answer.

Some of the acts consisted of soccer wear from Lee, baseball gear from Burton, and Culmer gave the crowd a hot pink boxing outfit. While in the talent showcase Burton sang a capella, Gillie, performed stunts on his bicycle, and Horton recited Maya Angelou's famous poem "Still I Rise."

Lee not only took home the overall prize, but racked up

the awards of best active wear, best talent, and best evening wear.

"It feels like a distant reality. It feels like I cashed a check that I have been working long and hard for. My heart goes out to all the contestants because we all worked really hard to make this pageant a true success," said Lee.

Nora Lemon, of Oakland, California, was crowned the runner up.

Scurry with his Michael Jackson impersonation, song and dance, was awarded best active wear and best talent along with the crown.

"I never honestly believed that I would win. Doing the pageant gave me the opportunity to become friends with some special people," said Scurry.

Ford, in his maintenance man wear and personal poetry, was crowned the runner up and won the award of best evening wear.

Pageant coordinator Jessica Waiters said, "I had a wonderful time on the other side of the 'pageant life.' It was a great experience for residents as well as my co-workers."

The event drew in a light crowd with mixed reviews.

Sophomore Nicole Morris said, "I was greatly disappointed with this pageant. It started late and ended later. I felt as though they were not prepared not the participants but the people who orchestrated this pageant."

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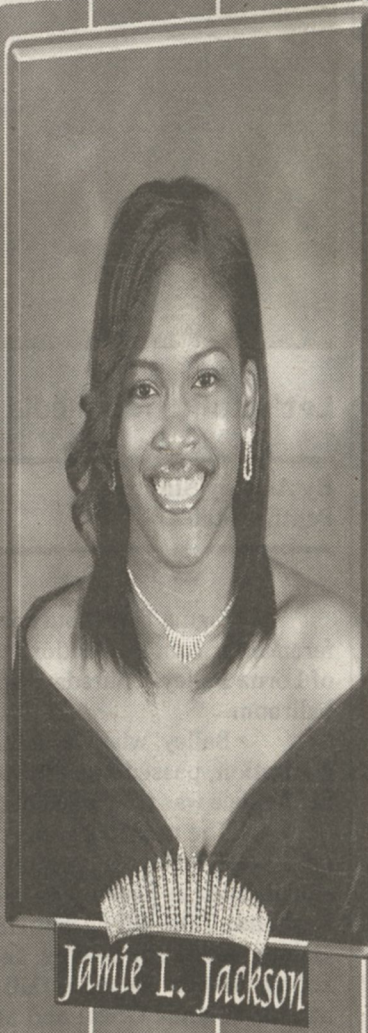
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Bush reflects on sacrifice of soldiers at Easter service

By Ben Feller
Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — President George W. Bush, worshipping at an Army post, prayed for peace Sunday in an Easter service focused on avoiding the forces of sin and doing what is right.

“I had a chance to reflect on the great sacrifice that our military and their families are making,” Bush said outside the chapel at Fort Hood after the service. “I prayed for their safety, I prayed for their strength and comfort, and I pray for peace.”

Bush took no questions from reporters in his first appearance since his spring break in Texas began on Wednesday. He was joined by first lady Laura Bush, her mother and his parents.

For the fourth time in five years, Bush flew 50 miles southwest from his ranch in Crawford to spend Easter morning at this sprawling Army post that has sent thousands of soldiers to the war in Iraq.

Bush sat in the front pew with his family. At the point in the service when people greeted those next to them, Bush walked around the chapel so he could shake hands with more worshippers.

“I’m breaking the rules, I know,” Bush said.

After his statement outside, Bush had a rare unscripted family moment in front of the media.

He said a public goodbye to his parents, who left after having Easter dinner at the ranch one night early.

“No press conferences,” Bush said as the current and former presidents stood together.

“Wait a minute,” the elder Bush said with a laugh. “I had a few

things to say!”

Back at the Crawford ranch, the Easter menu included fire-glazed ham, green chili cheese grits souffle, roasted orange molasses sweet potatoes, and ice cream.

The holiday felt more like one from the Christmas season, with the temperature hovering near freezing. Snow coated the ground at Fort Hood.

On Monday, Bush planned to return to promoting his domestic and foreign policy agenda. In the week ahead, he will push his immigration policies, his war-spending bill and his education programs.

Fort Hood is the largest active-duty armored post in the U.S. military. It spans 340 square miles and is home to nearly 65,000 soldiers and family members.

The post has contributed thousands of soldiers to the war in Iraq. Its 4th Infantry Division headquarters unit soon will return to Iraq after little more than seven months at home.

A pickup truck packed with artillery shells was detonated Sunday near a hospital south of Baghdad, killing at least 15 people. Separately, the U.S. military announced the weekend deaths of 10 American soldiers, including six killed on Sunday.

At least 3,280 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

U.S. forces captured a al-Qaida leader and two others in a raid Sunday morning in Baghdad, the U.S. military said. The al-Qaida figure was linked to several car bomb attacks in the Iraqi capital, the military said in a statement, without naming the captive.

Imus fighting for job as networks weigh cost of recent racial insults

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — After a career of cranky insults, radio star Don Imus was fighting for his job Monday following one joke that by his own admission went “way too far.”

Two of the nation’s biggest media companies CBS Corp. and NBC Universal will ultimately decide the fate of Imus’ daily program after he referred last week to members of the Rutgers women’s basketball team as “nappy-headed hos.”

Imus continued to apologize Monday, both on his show and on a syndicated radio program hosted by the Rev. Al Sharpton, who is among several black leaders demanding his ouster.

Imus could be in real danger if the outcry causes advertisers to shy away from him, said Tom Taylor, editor of the trade publication Inside Radio.

Imus isn’t the most popular radio talk show host the trade publication Talkers ranks him the 14th

most influential but his audience is heavy on the political and media elite that advertisers pay a premium to reach. Authors, journalists and politicians are frequent guests and targets for insults.


On Sharpton’s program Monday, Imus said that “our agenda is to be funny and sometimes we go too far. And this time we went way too far.”

The Rutgers comment has struck a chord, in part, because it was aimed at a group of young women at the pinnacle of athletic success. It also came in a different public atmosphere following the Michael Richards and Mel Gibson incidents, said Eric Deggans, columnist for the St. Petersburg Times and chairman of the media monitoring committee of the National Association of Black Journalists, which also wants Imus censored.

CBS has denounced Imus’ remarks and said it will monitor his show for content.

On his show Monday, Imus called himself “a good person” who made a bad mistake.

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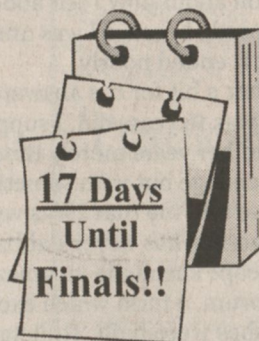
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Purism and Protestantism

My mother surprised me with a phone call today. Usually her calls are accompanied by a short report on the church activities at my home church. Today, I was shocked to hear that she had reached an epitome. She thought that maybe I wasn't all that wrong about organized religion.

I was surprised, partly because my mother had been so orthodox for most of my life (excluding of course my parents' time in college—I actually don't remember that much church from then), and because I think she had a bit of a misconception about how I felt about organized religion. Indeed, I had not even brought up the question to her in a long while; partly because I was unsure of my own opinions on the matter and because most of our previous conversations about it ended poorly.

I prodded her a bit for the answer and I made the conclusion that she was judging my current philosophy on how I felt when I was 16 years old. I suppose it isn't surprising to note that I was a lot different two years ago, but I suppose a woman of her years merely thought of me like any other adult—set in one's ways after a certain point in one's life, unable to change but with something life-altering like a mid-life crisis or death in the family.

Anyhow, she told me that I was very right about how the organization of religion essentially took away its true meaning. My mother has never dabbled in the realm of the existential past protestant philosophy, but even within this limited scope she made an amazing realization, one that, I, myself, had not come upon.

Sola scriptum, a term which exclusively used among theologians, is a philosophy upon which the original protestant churches were built. It dictates, in layman's terms, that the interpretation of the word of God ultimately rests within a person and his or her personal relationship with God. That is, no one else can tell you how to believe in God. Originally, the reason why the title 'protestant' was bestowed upon non-Catholic (or non-orthodox) Christians was because these people, armed with nothing better than a printing press, and the ideas of sola scriptum, protested the spiritual structure of the Catholic church. What Protestants did not realize, however, is that in the process, many of them created their own webs of untruths and strange interpretation. That, of course, added to the original philosophy of self-interpretation, led to the fragmentation of the protestant church in its earliest years—certainly the disunity among protestant churches is not a new development.

Perhaps we should ask ourselves what the virtues of sola scriptum entail. It is an idea which is better in practice in a 21st century environment. Indeed, with the state of the society of most of Christendom, Catholicism, with its emphasis on looking to spiritual leaders to provide guidance—hence its seemingly confusing (at least to protestants) structure—was actually better for Christians. The truth of the matter is, sola scriptum is not a philosophy that grew out of a spiritual need to be separate from a corrupt Catholic church, it was merely a power play by theologian rebels which resulted in a schism which could have been avoided altogether.

In practical terms, relying on one's own interpretation of the Bible would be unreasonable for most of the history of humanity. Indeed, before the invention of the printing press (an event which came before the reformation) the thought of every individual determining how to understand God on his own was impossible. Even after Bibles were made available in large numbers (which was not directly after the invention of the printing press), the literacy rates of the most advanced countries of the world were abysmal. Looking at the philosophy from a 21st century perspective may be easy, but retrospectively sola scriptum may have simply been a manipulative ploy devised to explain to an incredibly confused congregation why the Catholic church's views of Christianity were not necessarily the gospel truth.

Add that to the fact that even with modern education the Bible is incredibly difficult, and the fact that most people during the earliest days of the Protestant church were probably farmers or at least people who labored constantly for hours a day, and the thought that every man could become his own little mini-priest is ridiculous.

This is not to discredit Protestant churches—I am in no position to judge the fate of all of Christianity; but it is fun to muse on the possibility of an entire religious structure based on a faulty notion of individual free-thinking.

—Jerrell Allen

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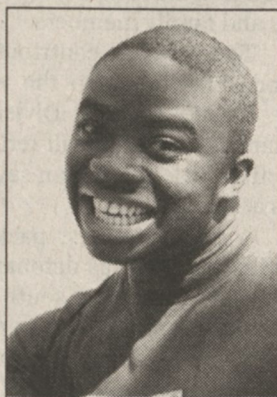
By Richard White
Panther Staff

What do you think about Don Imus' comments on the Rutgers women's basketball team?

What did Imus say?

On the April 4 edition of MSNBC's Imus in the Morning, host Don Imus referred to the Rutgers University women's basketball team, which is comprised of eight African-American and two white players, as “nappy-headed hos.”

Quote from www.mediamatters.org



“It still angers me that he is not humiliated by the statements that he made, he has not lost his sponsors, and that he only got suspended. Then again, rappers use [degrading names for females] all the time, but he crossed the line when he called them nappy.”

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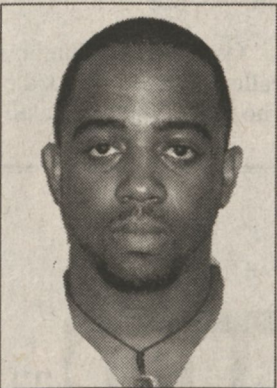
“It was very disrespectful and downright uncalled for.”

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“They need to fire him, that was a very racial comment that was said.”

Alisha Griffin
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Performance



“In my opinion, his comment was racist and totally unjustifiable, especially in today's America.”

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Panthers recover after two game skid

By Richard White
Panther Staff

As the Panthers entered Tiger Stadium, they had their heads held high looking for a couple of more wins to hold under their belt. The Panthers had a three-game series against Grambling State, which all would be played in two days. With this heavy task, the Panthers had to be ready and well prepared for each game.

The first game started off with Grambling scoring the first run in the third inning. After that, Prairie View responded with the quick feet of Michael Richard who

gave the Panthers their first run. In the next two innings, the Tigers scored one run each inning. The Panthers did not give up hope; their next and final run came in the last inning. The run helped but was not enough. The final score was 3-2. Prairie View's Wrandal Taylor had four strikeouts and no earned runs.

With the start of the second game, the Panthers jumped out to an early two-run lead, but the Tigers soon matched. The third inning brought turmoil for the Panthers when the Tigers unleashed a merciless six-run inning. The Panthers retaliated by scoring three runs in the 6th, but fell short in the end, with the final score 5-10. Prairie View's Myrio Richard had two hits, and

the Panther pitching staff had nine strikeouts.

With vengeance in their hearts, the Panthers refused to go home without at least one win. The Panthers started the game with an offensive whammy by scoring five runs in the first. The Tigers came back with a run in the third, but the Panthers were not finished. In the fourth, the Panther scored another five runs.

Throughout the game the Tigers could only muster up two more runs, while the Panthers scored three more runs. In the end, the Panthers demolished the Tigers with a score of 13-2. The standouts of the game were Robert Tolan with three runs, three hits, and Manuel Tabares with four RBIs.

Friends and family gather at former Grambling coach funeral

By Darrick Ignasiak
Black College Wire

For the Fobbs family, Eddie Robinson was more than a coach. Robinson, who coached at Grambling State for 57 seasons, died April 3. He lost his battle with Alzheimer's disease at age 88. His funeral is set for April 11.

He took the time to be there for his players, critiquing every aspect of their lives. Robinson had an emotional farewell in 1997 when he ended his coaching career at second all-time among all divisions of college football with 408 victories.

"It hurt," said Broderick Fobbs of Robinson's death. "He was like a dad to us."

Fobbs was a running back at Grambling State from 1992 to 1996 and now is the offensive coordinator at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La.

"You kind of have mixed feelings," Fobbs said. "You miss him, but you don't want to see him in pain. I am thankful to have memories."

Robinson was also like a father to North Carolina A&T coach Lee Fobbs, father of Broderick. The Grambling legend was also a role model to Hampton coach Joe Taylor. The list goes on for people who came in contact with Robinson.

Lee Fobbs, a running back at Grambling State from 1968 to 1973, played for Robinson. He also served as an assistant under him at Grambling State. Robinson even went out of his way at dinner to teach Fobbs the correct utensils to use.

A little over two decades later, things were the same with Broderick Fobbs in his experience at Grambling.

Robinson had the personal touch as a recruiter. He used that method to recruit Lee Fobbs.

Robinson talked with Lee Fobbs' mother and sealed the deal with her. Lee Fobbs was heading to Grambling State whether he liked it or not.

"He spent most of the time with my mom," Lee Fobbs said. "My mom told me I was going to Grambling."

It was at an early age when Broderick Fobbs started to ask his dad about his career. He had heard that his father had an outstanding college career. Lee Fobbs was known around the house as being humble, especially not talking about his career on the football field.

As a result of question after question to his dad, the young boy found out about Robinson. So when it was time to go to college, Broderick Fobbs opted for Grambling State. "I was recruited by him," Broderick Fobbs said. "It was impossible for me to go anywhere else. I have always been surrounded by positive people. What more positive can you get than Eddie Robinson?"

NFL penalizes "Pacman" Jones

Associated Pres

Adam "Pacman" Jones of Tennessee was suspended Tuesday for the 2007 NFL season for numerous violations of the NFL's personal conduct policy.

He was suspended without pay, the NFL announced. Jones will lose \$1,292,500, his 2007 base salary as a result of the suspension.

"We must protect the integrity of the NFL," commissioner Roger Goodell said in a statement. "The highest standards of conduct must be met by everyone in the NFL because it is a privilege to represent the NFL, not a right."

Jones' off-field conduct has included 10 incidents where police interviewed him. The most recent took place in Las Vegas during the NBA All-Star weekend after a fight and shooting at a strip club left one man paralyzed.

The Titans released the following statement: "We respect this decision and are confident this is in the best interest of the league and the team."

Spring Schedule

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@ UT-Pan. Amer.	4/15	12:00 p.m.
vs. Texas South.	4/21	1:00 p.m.
vs. Texas South.	4/22	1:00 p.m.

Softball

vs. Ark. Pine Bluff	4/13	11:00 a.m.
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vs. Sam Hou. St.	4/18	4:00 p.m.

Track & Field

@ Pelican Relays	4/13	9:00 a.m.
@ Pelican Relays	4/14	9:00 a.m.
@ SWAC Indoor & Outdoor	4/19	12:00p.m.
@ SWAC Indoor & Outdoor	4/20	9:00 a.m.
@ SWAC Indoor & Outdoor	4/21	9:00 a.m.

Tennis

vs. Ark. Pine Bluff	4/14	11:00 a.m.
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2007 PVAMU Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 1	Texas Southern	Houston, TX	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 8	N. Carolina A&T	Los Angeles, CA	TBA
Sept. 15	Southern	Baton Rouge, LA	TBA
Sept. 22	Open		
Sept. 29	Grambling State	Dallas, TX	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 6	Alcorn State	Alcorn State, MS	TBA
Oct. 13	Alabama State	Montgomery, AL	TBA
Oct. 20	Open		
Oct. 27	*Miss. Valley State	Prairie View	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	Ark.-Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff, Ark.	TBA
Nov. 10	Jackson State	Prairie View	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 17	Alabama A&M	Prairie View	4:00 p.m.
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Mind over matter



By Dr Victor Pendleton
Psychologist, PVAMU
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This essay is about peace of mind: what it is, and how to get it. Peace-of-mind is the absence of psychological turmoil: worry, depression, anxiety, anger, dissatisfaction, and other negative thoughts and emotions. We live in a society that seems to breed these feelings. The gap between the rich and the poor is large and growing. Health care is expensive and is increasingly becoming a luxury of the rich. We are awash in guns, and violence saturates the news and the entertainment. This creates a lot of stress.

Some turn to drugs to overcome the negative thoughts and emotions. There is no doubt that drugs work in the short term, but in the long run they are likely to bring more stress than they relieve. Aside from the health concerns, drugs lead to legal problems.

According to the ACLU (2006), African Americans make up 15 percent of drug users, but account for 37 percent of those arrested on drug charges, 59 percent of those convicted, and 74 percent of all drug offenders sentenced to prison. Eighty percent of the defendants sentenced for crack offences are African American, despite the fact that more than 66 percent of crack users are white or Hispanic. It is difficult to get a job with a prison record, which creates even more stress.

We can achieve peace-of-mind in the midst of all this by thinking. Dr King said that "nothing pains some people more than having to think." Thinking can be difficult and requires a strong mind. Effective thinking takes practice and requires that we carefully choose our perspective and remain focused on it. It requires that we have the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

The phrase "mind over matter; if you don't mind, it don't matter," speak to the power of perspective and to the power of being able to let go of the things we can't control and to focus on the things we can. It takes a strong mind to think this way. Like a muscle, the mind has to be exercised to be strong. Our daily life is the gym where our mind is trained. The challenges and hassles are the weights. Doing assignments on time and to the best of our ability is creating mental strength. Every time we are patient with those around us and refrain from violent behavior our mind becomes that much stronger, and we achieve more peace.

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Style strutting 101



By David Butler, The Panther

Show me what you got: Matt Nelson does what he can in the mall so he can stay in style.

By Rattchel Lucas
Panther Staff

Clothing fads have evolved and developed ever since Adam tried to cover himself with a fig leaf.

Classic, punk, rock, prep, urban, retro and country; you name it and someone is strutting one of these various trends around the Prairie View A&M campus.

Fashion currently rules the world's thoughts. Everyone seems to want to fit into the latest trends, but there are still a few who try to step out and beyond the box of trendy fashion.

"A tie is like a statement, if I have a tie on and it doesn't say something to you, then I'm not doing my job," says Nelson, a junior communications major, smiling with a nod.

Matt Nelson and his Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity brother Rashad Morgan, for example, find it within their civic duty to rock their own voice through their clothing. On any given day on the yard, one can see either Nelson or Morgan sport their own genre of gear that simply illustrates each of their individual unique personalities. "It's variety," says Nelson, "you just have to be able to switch it up. One day, I might come in some skinny jeans and a V-neck, next day [it] might be a sick shirt and tie."

Morgan interjects with a chuckle, "The key is consistency. You can't wear the same Bathing Ape tee for two weeks in a row and [you can't] spend your OP on 10 \$100 shirts and wear them for the

rest of the semester. You have to keep constantly changing."

Both Nelson and Morgan find the spontaneity of their wardrobes mean distinguishing themselves from modern day fads and fashion trends. Ironically, Nelson obtains inspiration for his distinctive look in "everybody, because everybody looks the same, and I just can't understand why you would like to look like everybody else."

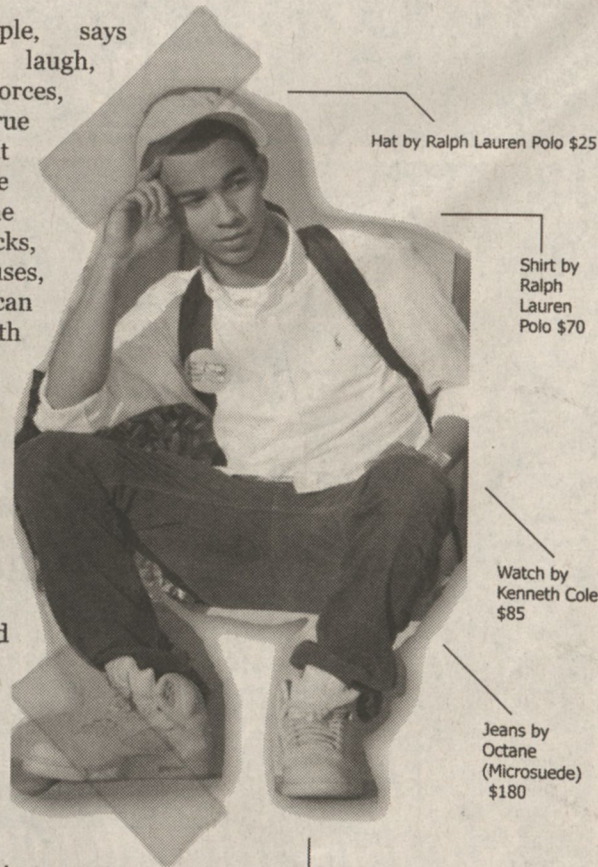
For example, says Morgan with a laugh, "everybody has Forces, stud belts, and the True Religion Jeans, but what you don't see really counts like the fresh underwear, socks, and jewelry." He pauses, then adds, "You can never go wrong with some clean, fresh underwear."

"I don't think I'm better than the next guy, but I pay attention to detail; every little thing, every piece counts," says Morgan.

Nelson said that he prefers to wear things "that are not, overly expensive but of good quality and taste." The two fraternity brothers go on to swap laughs on their favorite shopping spots: Hot Topic, Urban Outfitters, the Ralph Lauren Store, Aldo, and Zara are a few stores that support

the creativity of their styles.

Nevertheless, if the goal is to not conform to fashion fads and their style becomes a trend would the guys be more inclined to transform their personal appearance to be different once again? Nelson pauses before he responds, "To me, style is 35 percent clothes and 65 percent swagger, and swagger is something you just can't steal."



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'New Growth' explores the Straight/Nappy divide

By Jemma Hepburn
Panther Staff

A new appreciation of black hair was depicted last Thursday, as PV alumna and up-and-coming filmmaker Michelle Lewis presented her film appropriately titled, "New Growth—The Natural Progression." Hosted by the Political Science Club and co-sponsored by the N.A.A.C.P. and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the innovative film shed light on the deep-rooted disregard for natural, otherwise known as "nappy," hair in the black community. The film encouraged its audience to celebrate, rather than ignore, the natural beauty of Black people and God-given "black" hair. Comprised of real life "hair stories" of black women with natural and processed hair, the film/documentary dealt with the various joys and pains of "black" hair in everyday life. From the beauty and barbershops to the cubicles of corporate America, the subjects all shared their reasons for "going," and in some cases, "not going" natural. The women—with their twists, dreadlocks, and Afros—gushed about what their hair meant to them, and how it has emotionally become a part of them. They also discussed the concept of "good

hair" in the black community, and how they had unfortunately been "taught" as little girls that hair should be straight or "comb-thru." More so, the subjects touched on the socio-economic, ethnic and political statement that natural hair makes in America; as well as the actual health of one's scalp that has been chemically processed. Also, in humorous barbershop fashion, Black men cast their opinions on why they opposed fake hair, and their differing reasons for feeling so. However, women with processed hair were not left out. They too gave their reasons as to why they chose to process their hair—saying that they either were afraid of how natural hair would look, or because they could not maintain dreadlocks or plaits. Lewis—one with natural hair herself said, "New Growth does not condemn any hair style choice, but rather it embraces and celebrates those who have chosen to be natural." When asked what his take on the film was, Terry Cossey, a computer engineering senior, stated, "I thought it was very informative and enlightening. I saw

two different aspects of black culture and the views behind both of them." "I think it was time [for that kind of film to be shown]," says political science/history sophomore Tiffany Worsham. "It was definitely time." Following the viewing of the film was a brief Q&A period, and the presentation of a Prairie View A&M University-inspired pen to Lewis on behalf of the Political Science Club. When asked what inspired her to create this film Lewis said, "I ruined my child's hair at six by relaxing it. I had to cut off her hair, and I cut off mine to make her feel better. Also I met other women that went through similar situations." So far the film has been shown in Dallas, Houston, Austin, and now Prairie View. Lewis wants to take the film on an international scale and plans to have the film featured in the upcoming Austin Woman's Literary & Media Film Festival. Michelle Lewis can be contacted at newgrowth_thefilm@yahoo.com or 713-471-8928. The film's trailer can be seen at www.myspace.com/new_growth.

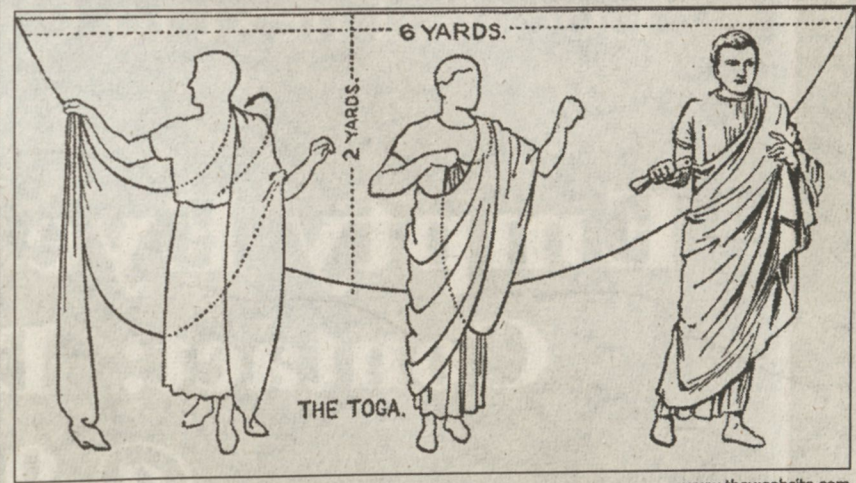
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The History
of the Toga

By Whitney Harris
Panther Staff

So the question remains... where *do* togas come from? The history is simple: togas originated in Ancient Rome as distinctive garments worn as proper attire. They were generally worn by men, and were usually considered the only appropriate dress to wear when not working outside. Senate members of the empire wore togas to define their role and importance, and would sometimes whiten them with chalk to make themselves more identifiable. As time progressed, the garment changed. Over the years, the Greeks and Etruscans adopted the shirt like toga, making it much more bulky. Despite the different styles, togas were typically made of wool like material, and were draped over some form of tunic or loincloth. Because so many cultures have used the toga, it is arguable what exactly the original shape and size was, but the Romans used an extremely large single piece of cloth. Later color and decoration was embraced to identify special traits for those wearing the cloth. Stripes, solids, as well as patterns were all eventually worn for a special meaning. The Roman toga continues to be popular and is described as a marvelous garment of style. Colleges and universities continue to embrace the magnificence of togas through hosted events and activities. Here at Prairie View A&M, Kappa Alpha Psi tried to incorporate the beauty and splendor of Roman togas through their infamous Toga III party on April 5. Men and women wore colorful and accessorized togas to be distinguishable from others. Students continue to build from ancient methods to create fun and creative togas that fix the modern day look without losing sight of the true meaning of toga.



Wrap it up: Here's the proper way to display ones' toga.

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I am not my hair: This is a screenshot from the trailer for the movie by Michelle Lewis. Like the picture, the film gives insight on what the actual progression has been of black women's hair.

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1. What was up with the weather during Texas Relays weekend? 2. C'mon it's track season, did it have to be that cold? 3. Took a lil' more than a 30 degree wind chill to keep people off of 6th Street, right? 4. Who woke up on time Sunday morning? 5. How bad does question number 5 sound? 6. What happened to Sunshine? 7. Did her sun set? 8. Now we all know Toga III was live, but who really set that thang out? 9. Who would have ever guessed it would end the way it did? 10. Speaking of where togas come from, where do some of these people get their toga ideas from? 11. What neo started picking his toga house guests? 12. Did he really think they were going to make his toga? 13. Whose bruh made his LB's toga? 14. Will he start up a Myspace page for his services? 15. What freshman boy is doing dirty business to save up for his Playstation 3? 16. Why does ANYONE know that? 17. Who is glad that our athletic fee is put to use since every team but the football team has won something? 18. Who really has something to say about that? 19. What PV Mime has the mouth of a sailor? 20. What do you think?

This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not the views of The Panther. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 219 MSC or e-mail us at panther@pvamu.edu. Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.

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This Week On The Hill

Thursday, Apr. 12, 2007

9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
College of Business
FBI Career Fair @ MSC
Ballroom Section A&B

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Agriculture
Peace Corps @ MSC
Outside

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Agriculture
Benefits of the Peace
Corps @ Library Rm. 108

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Iota Phi Theta
MAC Seminar @ New
Science Rm. 103

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Gamma Phi Delta
Bible Study @ Chapel

Friday, Apr. 13, 2007

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Juvenile Justice &
Psychology
Research Symposium Lun-
cheon @ MSC Ballroom
Section A

4 p.m. - 9 p.m.
NAACP
Fish Fry/Cookout @ Uni-
versity Village Clubhouse
II

5:30 p.m. - 11:55 p.m.
Student Activities
Late Nights on DA Hill @
MSC Ballroom Rm. 204

Saturday, Apr. 14, 2007

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Navy ROTC
NRTOC Houston Consor-
tium Athletic Pentathlon @
Baby Dome

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
MANRRS
Walk-A-Thon @ Campus
Wide

12 p.m. - 11:55 p.m.
SIFE
Club Pee's & Vee's Dance
@ MSC Ballroom

12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
CAB
Zydeco Festival @ MSC
Outside

Sunday, Apr. 15, 2007

All Day
Library
National Library Week @
Library

Monday, Apr. 16, 2007

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Undergraduate Medical
Academy Blood Drive
Advertisement @ MSC

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
PEACE Project
National Sexual Assault
Awareness Week @ MSC
Lobby

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Kappa Alpha Psi
Queen's Etiquette
Workshop, MSC Student
Lounge

7:05 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
NAACP
Self-Empowerment Semi-
nar for Freshman Males @
New Science Rm. A104

Tuesday, Apr. 17, 2007

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Library
Worker's Day Reception
@ Library Rm. 108/109

5 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Classy Gentlemen
Kickball Tournament @
Alumni Field

6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Psi Chi Honor Society
Graduate School Prep
Seminar @ Juvenile
Justice

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Kappa Kappa Psi
Date Seminar @ Band Hall

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Alpha Kappa Alpha
Educational Seminar @
New Science Rm. A103

Wednesday, Apr. 18, 2007

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
CAB
Hump Day @ Alumni
Field

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Student Dietetic Associa-
tion
Nutrition Facts @ MSC

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Gamma Sigma Sigma
Seminar @ New Science
Rm. 101

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Pi Alpha Theta
Guest Lecture @ New Sci-
ence Rm. A101

7:35 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Classy Gentlemen
Seminar @ New Science
Rm. A103

Weather



Breezy with clouds and
sun
High: 83 °F
Low: 71 °F



Windy and warm with
sunshine
High: 88 °F
Low: 66 °F



Mostly sunny; breezy,
cooler
High: 74 °F
Low: 52 °F



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Low: 51 °F



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Low: 58 °F



Brilliant sunshine
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